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1. (U) THIS IS O-I NO. 125, JULY 10, 1995.

2. (C) FOR HALLFORD/MACIAS FROM STANTON/KELLY: WU
UPDATES. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE CABLE WITH
SPECIFICS ON ARTURO'S JULY 10 MEETING WITH WU. IF ARTURO
IS BACK AT WORK TODAY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF HE COULD
ATTEMPT TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WHICH AROSE AT
TODAY'S BRIEFING:

-- IN WHAT SORT OF DETENTION FACILITY OR JAIL IS WU BEING
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HELD?

-- WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE FACILITY?
-- WILL WU BE ABLE TO SELECT HIS OWN ATTORNEY?
-- DID ARTURO PROVIDE HIM WITH A LIST OF ATTORNEYS?
-- WILL WE PRESS FOR MORE FREQUENT ACCESS TO WU?

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-- CAN WE HAVE PRIVATE VISITS WITH WU (WITHOUT OVERSIGHT BY CHINESE OFFICIALS)?

(ADDENDUM FROM STANTON: IN A MEETING I ATTENDED THIS AFTERNOON WITH THE GUOWUQING, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE ISSUE OF SELECTION OF AN ATTORNEY IS A MATTER OF SOME INTEREST TO HIM.)

3. (U) FOR MACIAS FROM KELLY. MORE UPDATES: MONICA GAW IN CA HAS BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY AND EQUALLY EFFECTIVELY WITH US IN OUR ATTEMPT TO MEET THE UNENDING DEMANDS RELATED TO THE WU CASE. SHE HAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION A CA-PRODUCED INFORMATION SHEET, "INFORMATION FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS ARRESTED IN CHINA," WHICH STATES:

"THE DEFENDANT MUST USE A CHINESE LAWYER, AS FOREIGN ATTORNEYS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PRACTICE IN CHINA. HOWEVER, A FOREIGN ATTORNEY WILL BE PERMITTED TO 'CONSULT' WITH THE CHINESE DEFENSE ATTORNEY. THE AMERICAN CONSUL WILL PROVIDE THE AMERICAN DEFENDANT A LIST OF CHINESE LAWYERS (ATTACHED)."

THIS STATEMENT RAISES A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE CASE AT HAND:

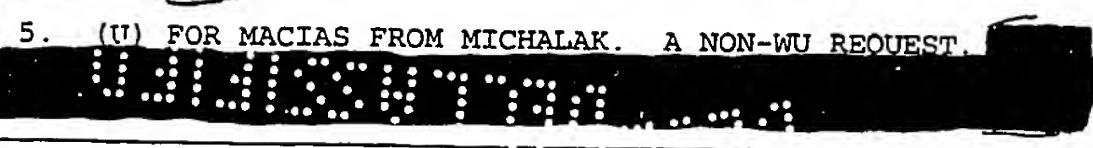
- IS THIS INFORMATION ACCURATE?
- IF SO, WILL IT PERTAIN IN HARRY WU'S LEGAL
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PROCEEDINGS? THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR ADVICE AND
GUIDANCE.

4. (C) FOR MACIAS FROM STANTON. MORE WU QUESTIONS.


// IS THIS ACCURATE?

5. (U) FOR MACIAS FROM MICHALAK. A NON-WU REQUEST.


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6. (LOU) FOR HALLFORD, BYRNES FROM (POSTHUMOUSLY, SO TO SPEAK, YOUR PEACETIME WARRIOR) KEYSER. NDU CAPSTONE PROGRAM. NOW THAT I AM ENSCONCED AMONG THE ONE-STARS, I FIND MY THOUGHTS TURNING AWAY FROM SORDID SUBJECTS LIKE HARRY WU AND TOWARD THE WONDERFULLY BROADENING PROSPECT OF TRAVEL TO EXOTIC CLIMES. I'M HEADING FOR EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS MYSELF. BUT SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES CONTINUE TO HARBOR THE ILLUSION THAT THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL CAPSTONE VISIT TO BEIJING -- NOT ONLY IN THE SENSE OF SEEING THE GT WALL/MING TOMBS BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF "DIALOGUE" WITH THE HOST MILITARY. IS THAT REALLY POSSIBLE? OTHER THAN AT THE POINT OF A GUN? ASSUME YOU WILL BE IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH THE NDU COLONELS RUNNING THIS SHOW, BUT I CONFESS THAT I FOUND SURPRISING THEIR OPTIMISM THAT THE SHOW IS GOING AHEAD.

7. (C) FOR SILVER FROM STANTON. A DISSIDENT VIEW. CHAI LING CAME IN TODAY TO SEE DIANE KELLY AND ASKED TO SEE ME AS WELL. SHE HAD EARLIER IN THE DAY ALSO CALLED ON BOB SUETTINGER. THE MAIN THRUST OF OUR BRIEF CHAT WAS THAT SHE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE DIRECTION OF OUR CHINA POLICY, BELIEVES THE U.S. NEEDS TO SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE TO BEIJING ABOUT U.S. POLICY TOWARD TAIWAN, AND THINKS THE HARRY WU CASE CAN BE SOLVED IN THE CONTEXT OF AN OVERALL IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. IN THE MEETING WITH THE GUOWUQING CITED EARLIER, WINSTON ASKED

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ME TO RECOUNT THIS CONVERSATION WHICH CARRIED SOME WEIGHT
CONSIDERING CHAI LING'S CREDENTIALS.

8. (C) FOR SILVER FROM STANTON/RICHARD LUNG (SUMMER
INTERN). CHINESE DEMARCHE.]

[REDACTED] I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO
REITERATE THAT IT IS IN EVERYONE'S BEST INTERESTS TO
RESOLVE THE PROBLEM OF HARRY WU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
CABLE BY RICHARD TO FOLLOW.

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